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REPORT

TOPIC Oranienburg Airfield

EVALUATION

PLACE OBTAINED

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DATE OF CONTENT

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DATE PREPARED 20 January 1955

REFERENCES

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

The following observations were made in the Weisse Stadt restricted area during December 1954:

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The numbers of the buildings were changed except for Nos 2 through 20. So far it could only be determined that Hans Schemm School was given No 29. The target date for the completion of construction work was 5 January 1955 which presumably would not be met. On 28 December 1954, the chief of the VVEB Potsdam, who is the superior of the special construction bureau in Eberswalde and responsible for construction work in the entire GDR, arrived in the restricted area and conferred with the individual construction superintendents at the site. There were rather hot discussions and the chief of the VVEB Potsdam who was accompanied by 2 new construction supervisors threatened to dismiss individual old superintendents. As a result of the conferences, a construction supervisor from Potsdam stayed in Oranienburg for 2 hours daily. Construction work was also supervised by supply officer Colonel Karian (fnu) who was assigned to this post by the chief supply officer, a colonel, presumably from Briesen. A total of 185 workers were employed. Their number was to be increased to 250 on 3 January 1955. A new air force unit was expected to arrive in Weisse Stadt on 6 January. Up to that date, all the quartering buildings had to be ready for occupation. In late December, buildings Nos 6 and 9 were completed and 3 sections and entrances of building No 9 were occupied by the AA Unit Burakov. The buildings Nos 13 and 16 were completed to 50 percent. The former repair shop which was being converted to a ration storage facility was 30 % completed. This building was to be entirely completed by 15 January 1955. The Hans Schemm School including the kitchen in the cellar was scheduled to be completed by 6 January which, however, was believed to be impossible.

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Comment. A previous report contained information on reconstruction work on buildings in the Weisse Stadt Settlement in Oranienburg and on the moving of units into other buildings in the settlement. The arrival of an air unit at Oranienburg airfield and in Weisse Stadt has been expected for a long period.

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